



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
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August 1, 2008

Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter addresses the requirement under Presidential Executive Order 13175 (November 6, 2000) that States must notify in writing federally recognized Tribal Governments of the State's intent to submit a Medicaid waiver request. Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) of the Department of Social and Health Services intends to submit a renewal application for the Home and Community Based Services Waiver entitled the Community Options Program Entry System (COPES). The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reference number for this waiver is 0049.91.R4.02. Information on the approved waiver can be viewed on the CMS web site through the following address: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>.

ADSA is interested in feedback and input from Tribes regarding this waiver. We have enclosed a survey for this purpose. Please send any comments, suggestions or questions by August 31, 2008. This will provide time for ADSA to consider input for the waiver renewal which is due to CMS by December 31, 2008. The results of your input will be made available at the October IPAC meeting. Please use the enclosed postage paid envelope to return the survey to Marilee Fosbre, Medicaid Program Manager for the Home and Community Services Division.

This waiver has been operating since 1982. The waiver is authorized to serve up to 33,226 persons for waiver year 2008-2009. Waiver services provide an alternative to nursing home care for aged, blind or disabled adults who live in their own homes or residential settings. Participants must meet financial and functional eligibility requirements. In addition to personal care, services include home health aide, environmental accessibility adaptations, skilled nursing, transportation, specialized medical equipment and supplies, personal emergency response systems, adult residential care, adult day care, caregiver/recipient training, home delivered meals, in-home nurse delegation and community transition services.



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Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback and suggestions. If you have any questions please contact Marilee Fosbre (360) 725-2536 or email to [fosbrma@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:fosbrma@dshs.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Moss", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bill Moss, Director  
Home and Community Services Division

Enclosures

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